

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MUHLENBERG COUNTY)	
WATER DISTRICT NO. 3 FOR RATE)	CASE NO. 2012-00017
ADJUSTMENT FOR SMALL UTILITIES)	
PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076)	

ORDER

Muhlenberg County Water District No. 3 ("Muhlenberg District No. 3") has applied for an adjustment of its rates for service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. Finding that further proceedings are necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Muhlenberg District No. 3's application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. This proceeding is established to review the reasonableness of Muhlenberg District No. 3's proposed rates.¹
2. No later than March 30, 2012, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding Muhlenberg District No. 3's requested rate adjustment.
3. The parties shall file with the Commission their written comments on and any objections to the findings and recommendations contained in the Commission Staff

¹ No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Muhlenberg District No. 3's proposed rates for general water service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076 may not place its proposed rates into effect until the Commission approves those rates or six months from the date of the filing of its application.

Report no later than April 13, 2012, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier. Any party may file with such submission any additional evidence for the Commission's consideration.

4. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding or recommendation contained in the Commission Staff Report by April 13, 2012, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, shall be deemed as agreement with that finding or recommendation.

5. No later than April 13, 2012, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, each party shall notify the Commission in writing whether this matter may be submitted for decision based upon the existing record without hearing.

6. Unless all parties request that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record, an informal conference shall be held in this matter on April 27, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

7. Unless all parties request that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record, a formal hearing in this matter shall be held in the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky at a date and time to be announced in a subsequent Order.

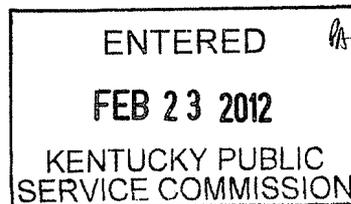
8. Each party shall file with the Commission, no later than May 7, 2012, a list of the persons it intends to call as witnesses at the scheduled hearing and a summary of each witness's testimony.

9. Muhlenberg District No. 3 shall publish notice of the scheduled hearing in accordance with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11, no more than 21 days and no less than seven days before the day of the scheduled hearing.

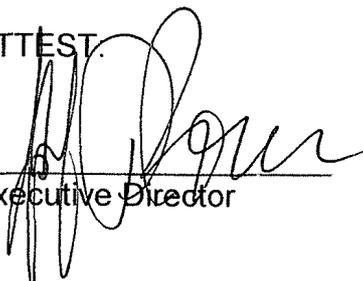
10. Pursuant to KRS 278.360, the record on the formal hearing in this matter shall be by videotape.

11. Commission Staff shall make a written exhibit list and shall file this list with the Commission with all exhibits and a copy of the video transcript of the hearing.

By the Commission



ATTEST.



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